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	Agenda Item No.	21
	Roll Call No.	<u>15-0745</u>
	Communication No.	<u>15-224</u>
	Submitted by:	Jonathan A. Gano, Public Works Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving and authorizing Mayor to execute U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Grant Agreement for reforestation in Des Moines.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of a contract with the USFS for funding to plant approximately 850 trees on City-owned property in Des Moines over the next two (2) years. The USFS is providing \$300,000 of non-competitive, non-match grant funds. This project is intended to aid in the recovery from the near-future loss of an estimated 47,000 ash trees due to emerald ash borer (EAB) infestation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Revenue in an amount up to \$300,000.

Funding Source: N/A

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

This \$300,000 one-time grant will provide an estimated 850 new street and park trees, consistent with the City’s reforestation goals in general, and in particular with respect to reforestation after ash tree losses to EAB. There is no match requirement. Current protocols for tree planting requests, planting site analysis, competitive bid process, and project follow-up will require zero (0) additional City resources or budget for this project.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: June 23, 2014

Roll Call Number: [14-0973](#)

Action: Bids from the following:

- (D) [Family](#) Tree Care (Rick Hanson, President) and Kinnucan Tree Experts (Robert Kinnucan, President) (primary suppliers) and Wright Outdoor Solutions (Scott Packard, CEO) and TruGreen (Jim Boswell, President) (secondary suppliers) for an annual contract with two (2) additional one-year renewal options to furnish Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Management

Services for use by the Public Works Department, estimated annual cost \$880,000. (Nineteen bids mailed, six received). ([Council Communication No. 14-304](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 5-2.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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